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- Reinforcement and adaptation of the Code of Conduct
- Fifth joint analysis of national reports on the implementation of the Code of Conduct for Community companies with subsidiaries in South Africa.

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In order to allow the Code of Conduct to contribute even more effectively to the abolition of the system of racial segregation and to take into account major changes in the social environment in South Africa after 1977, date of adoption of the present Code of Conduct, the Ten decided at their ministerial meeting of 22 July 1985 to draw up a reinforced Code of Conduct to be applied uniformly from 1 July 1985. This revision of the Code of Conduct also forms part of the package of harmonized measures with regard to South Africa adopted by the Ten, Spain and Portugal, at their meeting held in Luxembourg on 10 September. It is thus an integral part of the efforts, being made by the European partners to bring about an early end to apartheid.

The Ten discussed the fifth joint analysis of national reports on the implementation of the Code of Conduct for European companies with subsidiaries in South Africa. They decided to forward this analysis to the European Parliament. The fifth report covers the period from 1 July 1983 to 30 June 1984, and analyses reports submitted by 218 companies with more than 140 000 employees.